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LB 693

PRESIDENT: LB 693.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 693 was a bill introduced by Senator Ron Cope of the thirty sixth district. (Read title to LB 693.) The bill was read on January 6th of this year. It was referred to the Education Committee. It was advanced to General File. Mr. President, Senator Cope has amendments pending to the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Would you read the amendments? They are being passed out but would you read them please?

CLERK: Mr. President, the amendment as follows: (Read Cope amendment found on page 1658 of the Journal.)

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, members, I hope that the Senators will adopt these amendments. They are simply to eliminate, I shouldn't say eliminate, to change one member on the Committee and add another so if you would accept these amendments then we can get on with the bill in the short time that we have. I move that the amendment be accepted.

PRESIDENT: Senator Richard Lewis. Did you want to speak to this, Senator Lewis? All right then, Senator Hefner. Did you want to speak to this? Senator Vert. No further discussion. The question is the adoption of Senator Cope's amendments. Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of Senator Cope's amendment, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, members, you are all well aware of what a Safety Center will do to save lives and reduce accidents in Nebraska. You supported your concern by thirty four affirmative votes a year ago. I'm back with the same program answering the Governor's reasons for vetoing the bill last year. Now what is a State Safety Center? It's an institution to coordinate safety programs in traffic, industrial, recreational, agriculture, the home and a host of other safety measures. Now will all these safety programs be given at Kearney? Absolutely not. Here is two quick examples. A fine agricultural safety program has been carried on at the University of Nebraska for years under the leadership of Rolly Schnieder. This will continue as usual. If they desire any assistance, the Safety Center will be available to help institute programs across the state. A second example, the power companies are vigorous supporters of a State Safety Center. The Center will provide trained personnel if requested to go to any part of the state to assist in safety schools. Presently Northeast Tech is instructing lineman and have fine facilities. This Center will assist in every way and assist in establishing other programs across the state if they so desire. Now as I said, the major

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